

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A pumping device having comprising:
____ a motor arranged in relation to a pumping assembly, the motor having a housing and a shaft extending therefrom for rotating an impeller in the pumping assembly; having
____ a motor seal arranged therein between the shaft and the housing; and
having
____ a pump seal arranged between the shaft and the pump assembly; and,
characterized in that the pumping device further comprises
____ a third seal arranged between the motor seal and the pump seal, and
further in relation to the shaft for providing additional sealing protection for the motor seal.
2. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the pumping device further comprises an adapter arranged between the motor housing and the pumping assembly having the third seal arranged thereon.
3. (Currently amended) A pumping device according to claim 2, wherein the third seal is located on the motor end of a the close coupled adapter and is a primary sealing device.
4. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the third seal is a labyrinth seal.

5. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the third seal is a magnetic seal.

6. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the third seal is a lip seal.

7. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the third seal is a non-contact seal.

8. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the pumping device is a close coupled motor/centrifugal pump.

9. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the pumping device is a close coupled motor/positive displacement pump.

10. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the adapter is a close coupled adapter.

11. (Currently amended) A pumping device having comprising:
_____ a motor arranged in relation to a pumping assembly, the motor having a housing and a shaft extending therefrom for rotating an impeller in the pumping assembly; having
_____ a motor seal arranged therein between the shaft and the housing; and
having

_____ a pump seal arranged between the shaft and the pump assembly; and,
~~characterized in that the pumping device further comprises~~

_____ an adapter arranged between the motor housing and the pumping
assembly having a third seal arranged in relation to the shaft for providing
additional sealing protection for the motor seal.

12. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the
third seal is a labyrinth seal.

13. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the
third seal is a magnetic seal.

14. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the
third seal is a lip seal.

15. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the
third seal is a non-contact seal.

16. (Currently amended) A pumping device according to claim 11,
wherein the third seal is located on the motor end of an the close coupled
adapter and is a primary sealing device.

17. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the
pumping device is a close coupled motor/centrifugal pump.

18. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the pumping device is a close coupled motor/positive displacement pump.

19. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the adapter is a close coupled adapter.